

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.J. Res. 26, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S677–S726*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 694–725, S.J. Res. 18, and S. Res. 96–100. **Pages S714–15**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq. **Page S713**

#### Measures Passed:

***Disapproving the Action of the District of Columbia Council:*** By 81 yeas to 14 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 49), Senate passed H.J. Res. 26, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. **Pages S680–S709**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the joint resolution from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S680**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution. **Page S680**

***Preventing Child Sex Abuse Act:*** Senate passed S. 724, to protect children against sexual abuse and exploitation. **Pages S722–23**

***Honoring former Senator James Thomas Broyhill:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 100, to honor the life and death of James Thomas Broyhill, former Senator for the State of North Carolina. **Page S723**

#### Appointments:

***Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:*** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appointed the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy: Senator Ernst, At Large. **Page S722**

**Werfel Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Daniel I. Werfel,

of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue. **Page S680**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 48), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S680**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 2023; that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination of James Edward Simmons, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; that following disposition of the nomination of James Edward Simmons, Jr., Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and at 1:45 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Maria Araujo Kahn. **Page S723**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 57 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 47), Patrice H. Kunesh, of Minnesota, to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S677–80**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S711**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S711–12**

**Measures Read the First Time:** **Page S712**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S716–19**

**Additional Statements:**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:****Pages S719–20****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S720**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—49)

**Pages S680, S709**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late James Thomas Broyhill, former Senator for the State of North Carolina, in accordance with S. Res. 100, at 8:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S723.)

**Committee Meetings***(Committees not listed did not meet)***CFTC OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Rostin Behnam, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the Federal strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness, after receiving testimony from Jeff Olivet, Executive Director, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, Los Angeles, California; and Richard Cho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**ECONOMIC COSTS OF WILDFIRES**

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic costs of wildfires, after receiving testimony from Veronica Serna, Mora County Commissioner, District 1, Mora, New Mexico; David Burt, DeltaTerra Capital, Natick, Massachusetts; Michael Wara, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment Climate and Energy Policy Program, Stanford, California; Morgan Varner, Tall Timbers, Tallahassee, Florida; and Nicolas Loris, C3 Solutions, Falls Church, Virginia.

**AIRCRAFT, CERTIFICATION, SAFETY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Aircraft, Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act, after receiving testimony from

Billy Nolen, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 316, to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq;

S. 509, to provide resources for United States nationals unlawfully or wrongfully detained abroad; and

The nominations of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Michael Alan Ratney, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, and Richard R. Verma, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, all of the Department of State, L. Felice Gorordo, of Florida, to be Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Leopoldo Martinez Nucete, of Virginia, to be Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

**CENTRAL ASIA**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine geopolitical competition and energy security in Central Asia, after receiving testimony from Donald Lu, Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs, and Geoffrey Pyatt, Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, both of the Department of State.

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine artificial intelligence, focusing on risks and opportunities, after receiving testimony from Alexandra Reeve Givens, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, D.C.; Suresh Venkatasubramanian, Brown University Center for Technological Responsibility, Providence, Rhode Island; and Jason Matheny, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

**RIGHT OF WORKERS**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine defending the right of workers to organize unions free from